



GERMANS FROM RUSSIA
GRHC
HERITAGE COLLECTION
NDSU LIBRARIES

**Finding Aid to the
Schaff Family History
Collection
2012.05**

[Special Collections](#)

[Home](#)

OVERVIEW

Donor: Sean Tressman and Michael Schaff

Accession Date: 5 April 2012

Collection Number: 043

Quantity: 1 folder

Summary: A typed history of the Schaff family, spanning from 1762 to 1986.

Languages: English

Links:

- [Barnabas Schaff memorial](#) (Find A Grave)
- [Bertha \(Nuxoll\) Schaff memorial](#) (Find A Grave)
- [Obituary of Thecla \(Schaff\) Holthaus](#)

Access Restrictions: Open to the public, available upon request. Copyrights to items in this collection remain with original copyright holders or are in the public domain.

Citation: Schaff Family History Collection, 043, Germans from Russia Heritage Collection, NDSU Libraries, Fargo, ND.

BIOGRAPHY

Barnabas Schaff was born in Russia on November 25, 1899 to parents Mike and Margaret (Kary) Schaff. Mike and Margaret Schaff had twelve children: Eva, Adam, Mike, Anton, Nick, Ralph, Barnabas (Barney), Innocent, Anna, Matt, Rose, and Dominic. Dominic only lived for two days and Rose died when she was five years old. The Schaff family immigrated to the United States in 1913, settling in Montana.

Barnabas Schaff later moved to Idaho, where he eventually met his future wife. Bertha Nuxoll was born on April 23, 1908 to parents John and Maria (Beckman) Nuxoll of Greencreek, Idaho.

On November 15, 1927, Barnabas Schaff married Bertha Nuxoll. Barnabas and Bertha Schaff lived in Idaho and raised their eight children: Thecla, Theresa, Mark, Laura, Edward, Edith, Sophia, and Roberta. Barnabas (Barney) Schaff died on April 22, 1989. Bertha (Nuxoll) Schaff died on January 14, 2003 at the age of ninety-four.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The **Schaff Family History Collection** consists of a twelve page typed history of the Schaff family. The family history was created by Barnabas M. Schaff, and it is believed to have been typed around 1986-1989. Barnabas Schaff writes about his family as well as his own memories. He recounts such things as settlement, everyday life, farming, schooling, the Bolshevik Revolution, immigration, and life in the United States.

BOX AND FOLDER LIST

2012 Small Collections Box

Collection/Folder	Contents
2012.05/1	Finding aid, detailed inventory, and initial inventory
2012.05/1	Schaff family history